SENATE BILL 144

By Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 11, Chapter 4, relative to the appointment and confirmation of members of the state forestry commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 11-4-201(a), is amended by deleting the words "and shall be confirmed by joint resolution of the general assembly prior to beginning such member's term of office" from the third sentence.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 11-4-201(c), is amended by deleting the words "and confirmed" from the first sentence.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 11-4-201(c), is amended by adding the following as a new sentence:

"Appointments of new members and appointments to fill vacancies shall be confirmed by the general assembly as soon as practical but no later than the end of the first session of the general assembly following the appointment."

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.